

Agency 540

Employment Security Department**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority	2,571.1	7,107	758,635	765,742
Total Maintenance Level	2,343.9	106	687,681	687,787
Difference	(227.3)	(7,001)	(70,954)	(77,955)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(8.8)%	(98.5)%	(9.4)%	(10.2)%
Performance Changes				
Eliminate Port Jobs Program		(106)		(106)
Next Generation Tax System	29.6		35,584	35,584
Washington Service Corp			2,084	2,084
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #			(5,414)	(5,414)
State Data Center Rate Increase		138	1,585	1,723
Subtotal	29.6	32	33,839	33,871
Total Proposed Budget	2,373.4	138	721,520	721,658
Difference	(197.7)	(6,969)	(37,115)	(44,084)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(7.7)%	(98.1)%	(4.9)%	(5.8)%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Administrative Overhead Costs	150.8	138	39,926	40,064
One-Stop WorkSource System	848.9	1	363,840	363,841
Labor Market and Economic Analysis	70.5		21,361	21,361
Unemployment Insurance Benefits	1,068.7		198,375	198,375
Unemployment Insurance Taxation	219.3	(1)	79,124	79,123
Washington Service Corps	15.4		18,894	18,894
Total Proposed Budget	2,373.4	138	721,520	721,658

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**Eliminate Port Jobs Program**

Contracts will be eliminated to achieve savings in the Port Jobs Program.

Next Generation Tax System

Funding is provided for the second phase to replace the mainframe unemployment insurance tax information system (TAXIS) and its ancillary subsystems, which were originally implemented in 1984. The Employment Security Department has completed the requirements and feasibility study for the computing systems supporting unemployment insurance tax. The study recommended replacement of TAXIS. (Unemployment Compensation Administration Account-Federal)

HUMAN SERVICES - OTHER

Washington Service Corp

The Washington Service Corps Program consists of three major programs: AmeriCorps, Reading Corps, and Volunteers in Service to America. These three programs allow communities to receive educational, disaster preparedness, environmental, and other types of direct support. Funding is provided to meet the federal grant match requirement for the Washington Service Corps program. (Administrative Contingency Account-State)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Administrative Overhead Costs

Administrative Overhead consists of the core functions essential to operate the Employment Security Department. Resources dedicated to these functions include the Commissioner's Office and the agency's executive policy staff. Also included are the centralized functions for Information Technology, Human Resources, Fiscal and Budget, Contracts, Communications, and Office Services. (General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Local, Administrative Contingency Account-State, Employment Services Admin Account-State, Unemployment Compensation Admin Account-Federal).

One-Stop WorkSource System

This activity matches employers who need workers with people seeking jobs. Services provided to businesses include assessing employer needs, listing employer job openings, screening and referring applicants, providing a database of job seekers, assisting with recruitment efforts, and working with local economic development councils on potential new businesses. Services for job seekers include doing skills assessments, offering workshops on resume writing and job skills development, making referrals to local training and education programs, providing an automated job bank, offering reemployment services for unemployment claimants, and meeting local area job skills in demand. Some of the federal funds pay for job training programs to improve employment prospects of economically disadvantaged adults, youth, and dislocated workers. (General Fund-State, General Fund- Federal, General Fund-Local, Unemployment Compensation Admin Account-Federal, Administrative Contingency Account-State and Employment Services Administrative Account-State).

Labor Market and Economic Analysis

Labor Market and Economic Analysis provides economic data to businesses, private planners, educators, legislators, government agencies, media, and the general public. Some of this information includes industry and occupational employment and earnings, labor supply and demand, economic forecasts, unemployment rates, and wage statistics. It is the primary source of labor market information supplied to key decision-makers throughout Washington State. (General Fund-Federal, Administrative Contingency Account-State, Employment Services Admin Account-State, Unemployment Compensation Admin Account-Federal)

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Established in 1935 by the federal Social Security Act, the unemployment insurance program provides partial replacement of wages to workers unemployed through no fault of their own. Unemployed residents receive benefits each week while they are searching for new employment. Agency staff administer benefits, detect and collect money for overpayments, manage the unemployment trust fund, and administer the Old Age Survivors Insurance. (Unemployment Compensation Admin Account-Federal, Administrative Contingency Account-State, Employment Services Administrative Account-State)

Unemployment Insurance Taxation

Established in 1935 by the federal Social Security Act, unemployment benefits are paid for and financed by a tax on employers. The department administers the state's unemployment tax law, ensuring that all employers pay their unemployment taxes. Staff are also responsible for maintaining systems that deposit and record employers' tax filings and statements in an accurate and timely manner. (Unemployment Compensation Admin Account- Federal)

Washington Service Corps

Established under RCW 50.65, the Washington Service Corps addresses locally identified needs through community service in five priority areas: education, environment, homeland security, human needs, and public safety. In exchange for successfully completing their term of service, program participants earn a \$4,725 education award to help pay the cost of attending institutions of higher education or to repay qualified student loans. In addition, the Washington Service Corps administers the Washington Reading Corps program to improve the reading skills of 16,000 struggling readers in grades K-6 across Washington State. (General Fund-Federal, General Fund-Local, Administrative Contingency Account-State)